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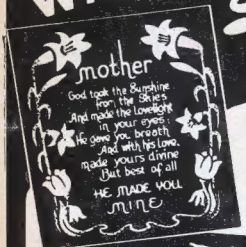

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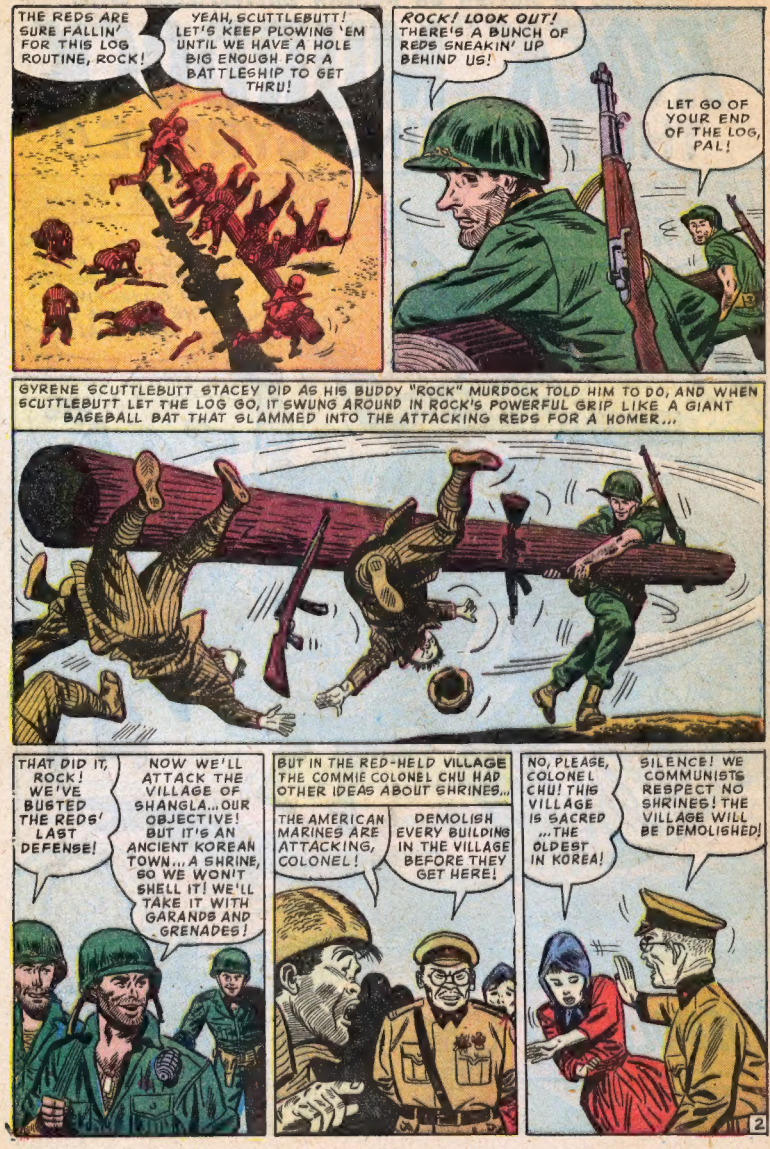
MARINES IN ACTION ON KOREAN BATTLEFIELDS WITH

"ROCK" MURDOCK

THE FIGHTING GYRENE!!

THE CAP'N WANTS A HOLE IN THIS COMMIE DEFENSE LINE, SCUTTLEBUTT, SO LET'S GIVE IT TO HIM!
AYE, ROCK! AN' THIS IS THE REDS' LAST DEFENSE BEFORE OUR OBJECTIVE... THE VILLAGE OF SHANGLA!
"DEMOLISHED"


THE REDS ARE SURE FALLIN' FOR THIS LOG ROUTINE, ROCK!
YEAH, SCUTTLEBUTT! LET'S KEEP PLOWING 'EM UNTIL WE HAVE A HOLE BIG ENOUGH FOR A BATTLESHIP TO GET THRU!
ROCK! LOOK OUT! THERE'S A BUNCH OF REDS SNEAKIN' UP BEHIND US!
LET GO OF YOUR END OF THE LOG, PAL!
GYRENE SCUTTLEBUTT STACEY DID AS HIS BUDDY "ROCK" MURDOCK TOLD HIM TO DO, AND WHEN SCUTTLEBUTT LET THE LOG GO, IT SWUNG AROUND IN ROCK'S POWERFUL GRIP LIKE A GIANT BASEBALL BAT THAT SLAMMED INTO THE ATTACKING REDS FOR A HOMER...
THAT DID IT, ROCK! WE'VE BUSTED THE REDS' LAST DEFENSE!
NOW WE'LL ATTACK THE VILLAGE OF SHANGLA...OUR OBJECTIVE! BUT IT'S AN ANCIENT KOREAN TOWN... A SHRINE, SO WE WON'T SHELL IT! WE'LL TAKE IT WITH GARANDS AND GRENADES!
BUT IN THE RED-HELD VILLAGE THE COMMIE COLONEL CHU HAD OTHER IDEAS ABOUT SHRINES...
THE AMERICAN MARINES ARE ATTACKING, COLONEL!
DEMOLISH EVERY BUILDING IN THE VILLAGE BEFORE THEY GET HERE!
NO, PLEASE, COLONEL CHU! THIS VILLAGE IS SACRED ...THE OLDEST IN KOREA!
SILENCE! WE COMMUNISTS RESPECT NO SHRINES! THE VILLAGE WILL BE DEMOLISHED!
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WITH PICKAXES, SHOVELS, RAMMING RODS AND DEMO CHARGES, THE COMMUNISTS CARRIED OUT THEIR COLONEL'S ORDERS TO DEMOLISH THE ANCIENT AND HISTORIC KOREAN VILLAGE OF SHANGLA...
HURRY! THE AMERICAN MARINES ARE COMING!
INTO THE DEBRIS-CLUTTERED STREETS CAME THE UNITED STATES MARINES WITH THEIR GARANDS LEADING THE WAY...
GREAT GIZMO, ROCK! THE REDS'VE WRECKED THIS TOWN!
YEAH!
SO LET'S DO LIKEWISE TO THEM!
OW-W!
SOON, BIG MARINE, YOU LIE IN GUTTER WITH VILLAGE DIRT!
SAYS YOU, COMMIE!
THIS FINISH YOU, MARINE!
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MY MOMMY DONE TOLD ME NEVER TO TAKE PRESENTS FROM COMMIES!
SO TAKE IT BACK!
THE U.S. MARINES CONTINUED TO SWEEP DOWN THE MAIN STREET WITH THEIR GARANDS, AND THE REDS WERE THROWN OUT OF TOWN...
WE HAD AWAITED YOUR COMING WITH GREAT JOY, CAPTAIN SAN, BUT NOW THERE IS ONLY SADNESS IN OUR HEARTS! OBSERVE WHAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE DONE TO OUR SACRED VILLAGE!
I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING WE COULD DO!
YOU AMERICANS HAVE DONE MANY WONDERFUL THINGS FOR KOREA, BUT ONLY A MIRACLE COULD GIVE US BACK OUR HONORED VILLAGE AS IT WAS IN THESE ORIGINAL PLANS!
CAP'N, I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
B-Z-Z-Z... AND THEN... B-Z-Z-Z!
SOUNDS GREAT, MURDOCK... I HOPE IT WORKS! TAKE AS MANY MEN AS YOU NEED!
WHERE DO YOUR MEN GO, CAPTAIN SAN?
TO MAKE A "MIRACLE"!

THERE'S ONE, ROCK!
OKAY! GO GET HIM... ALIVE!
"ROCK" MURDOCK AND HIS PATROL ROAMED FOR HOURS THRU RED TERRITORY, COLLECTING COMMIE PRISONERS...
AND HERE'S TWO BIG ONES FOR OUR COLLECTION!
AND HERE'S A WHOLE PLATOON WE CAUGHT NAPPING, ROCK!
THAT MAKES OVER A HUNDRED PRISONERS WE'VE GOT! LET'S GET BACK TO THE VILLAGE!
AND BACK IN THE VILLAGE, UNDER THE GUNS OF THE MARINES, THE RED PRISONERS WERE PUT TO WORK RESTORING THE SACRED AND ANCIENT KOREAN VILLAGE TO ITS NATURAL STATE...
HOW ARE THINGS GOING, ROCK?
GREAT, CAP'N! THE REDS ARE PUTTING EVERY BRICK INTO PLACE JUST LIKE IT SHOWS IN THESE ORIGINAL PLANS YOU GOT FROM THE OLD KOREAN!
AND WHEN THE KOREANS ROSE THE NEXT MORNING, THEY RUBBED THEIR EYES IN AMAZEMENT AT THE SIGHT THEY SAW...
IT'S A MIRACLE! OUR SACRED VILLAGE HAS RISEN FROM THE WRECKAGE AND LIVES AGAIN!
YES, PEOPLE OF KOREA... IT IS INDEED A MIRACLE!
AN AMERICAN MARINE-MADE MIRACLE!
THE END
5

ENCIRCLEMENT

BEFORE the encampment, the mists of morning rose wavering to the low ceiling of clouds. To the west the sun struggled feebly to break through the grey cover. And then a light rain began falling.

In front of the headquarters tent stood only a single sentry standing rigidly at attention. That was one thing the commander insisted on . . . discipline, the obedience of men not only to his will, but to their own will to be good soldiers. And the commander was the King.

A troop of horses dashed by, splashing the front of the tent with mud. The sentry took one step forward, a glint of anger in his eye, but the man sitting on the chair just outside the tent flap raised his hand.

"Let be, let be," he said. "Who am I that I may not be splashed?"

"You are the King," the sentry said.

The King smiled. Yes, he was the King, and there were times he wished he weren't. He had never wanted to be King, not even when he was Crown Prince. All he had wanted, then, was to be a poet and to write. And he had, actually, written poetry and a book against war. Now he was both King and soldier and his enemies agreed that he had become one of the greatest conquerors of all time.

He sighed, finished the line of poetry on the sheet of paper in his hand, shook a drop of mud-splashing from it and handed it to his secretary, just as a mutter of artillery started to the east and to the south. Once more he smiled, a little bitterly. The conqueror was trapped. He called for a map. His general brought it.

"They are here, here and here," the general said, indicating three positions on the map. "The fourth army is further back, held in reserve."

"I have been outmaneuvered," the King said. "Well, it has happened before."

"We have always gotten out of traps, your Majesty," the general said, dubiously. "But this one . . ."

"We'll need a miracle to get out of this one," the King said. "How many men do they have now?"

"Ninety thousand men in the three armies surrounding us. Twenty-four thousand in the fourth army."

"And I have thirty thousand," the King mused. "The odds, my dear general, are, you will admit, rather against us."

The general said nothing. The King always spoke in this fashion.

From the east the artillery began firing faster and louder.

Suddenly, as the King rose and somewhat absently re-seated himself on a war-drum beside his chair, a thudding of hoofs rose above the noise of the guns. A mounted major dashed past a line of soldiery some hundred feet away, dismounted and saluted.

"Your Majesty," he shouted, "the enemy is coming in upon our left wing! They are less than two thousand feet away!"

The King's hands slapped together sharply.

"An artillery bombardment from that hilltop, immediately!" he snapped. "Full saturation fire!"

Like well-oiled machines the soldiers around him went into action. Within five minutes a battalion with a heavy accompaniment of big guns was whirling up the hillside, behind them the King himself. At the top they deployed, spread out and unlimbered the guns. The King watched. Every detail of this had been his own planning, the planning of a poet who had been forced to become a warrior. The muzzles of a dozen guns swung round, pointed down slightly. Unlike the men in the opposing armies who were allowed to fire as they pleased, the King's men had been trained to work like teams, operating at the guns with the efficiency of clockwork.

Now the guns spoke. A blast of sound thundered out; when the smoke cleared it was plain that the enemy advance had been halted. Once more the King nodded. When his artillery spoke, it spoke with one voice. Again came the blast; the hilltop shook. Far down the slope the enemy turned tail and ran. The general, who had accompanied the King gaped in astonishment. Above him waved the King's standard.

"Well, you've driven them back, Majesty," he said, "but they will keep coming on."

"Let them," the King said.

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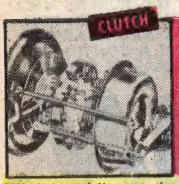

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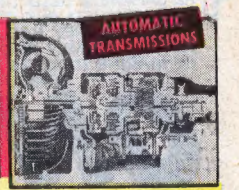

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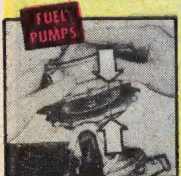

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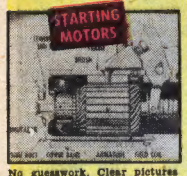

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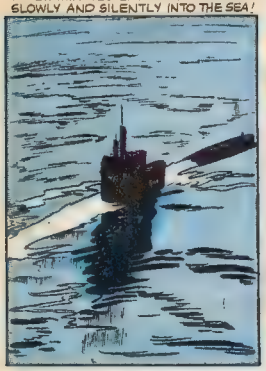
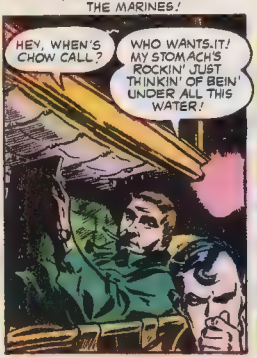
ONE-MAN MISSION!

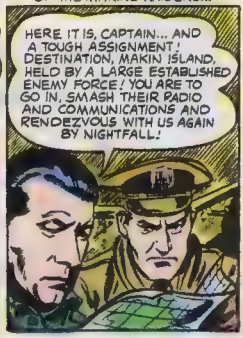
A FEW MINUTES LATER THE SUB SANK SLOWLY AND SILENTLY INTO THE SEA!



IT WAS CRAMPED AND CROWDED IN THE QUARTERS ASSIGNED TO THE MARINES!



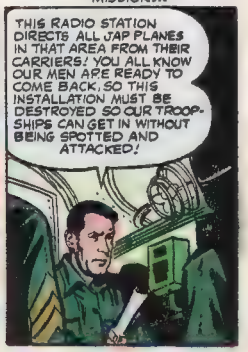
TWO DAYS OUT, THE SUB'S SKIPPER BROKE OPEN THE SEALED ORDERS! WITH HIM WAS CAPTAIN McKAY, C.O. OF THE MARINE RAIDERS...

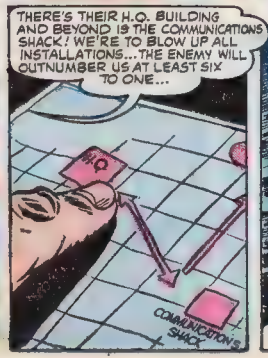

HERE IT IS, CAPTAIN... AND A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT! DESTINATION, MAKIN ISLAND, HELD BY A LARGE ESTABLISHED ENEMY FORCE! YOU ARE TO GO IN, SMASH THEIR RADIO AND COMMUNICATIONS AND RENDEZVOUS WITH US AGAIN BY NIGHTFALL!

THE DAYS PASSED IN MONOTONY! THERE WAS VERY LITTLE IN THE WAY OF PASSING TIME AND NOW THEY LAPSED TO BOREDOM AND SOUGHT ANY WAY TO RELIEVE IT...

JOE FARREN WAS CALLED THE "ARTIST" BY HIS BUDDIES FOR OBVIOUS REASONS!

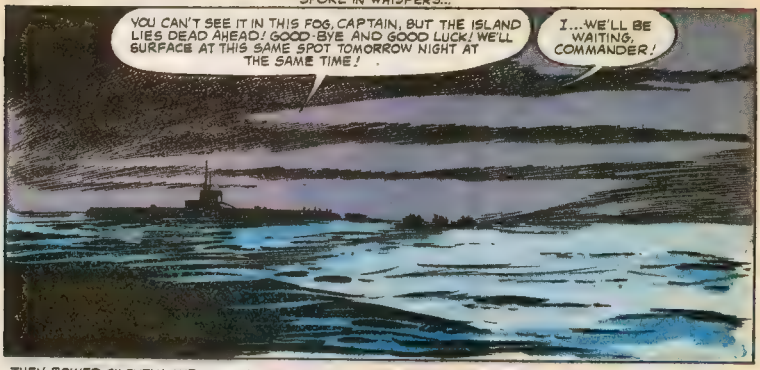
A DAY LATER, CAPTAIN McKAY BRIEFED HIS MEN ON THEIR MISSION...


THIS RADIO STATION DIRECTS ALL JAP PLANES IN THAT AREA FROM THEIR CARRIERS! YOU ALL KNOW OUR MEN ARE READY TO COME BACK, SO THIS INSTALLATION MUST BE DESTROYED SO OUR TROOP-SHIPS CAN GET IN WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED AND ATTACKED!


THERE'S THEIR H.Q. BUILDING AND BEYOND IS THE COMMUNICATIONS SHACK! WE'RE TO BLOW UP ALL INSTALLATIONS... THE ENEMY WILL OUTNUMBER US AT LEAST SIX TO ONE...
H.Q.
COMMUNICATIONS SHACK

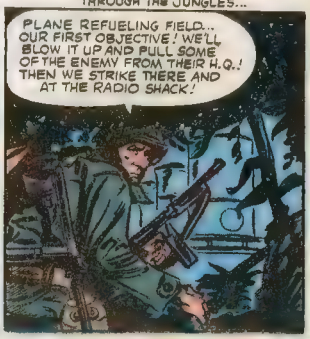
AND VERY SHORTLY...

THE SUB SURFACED ON A FOGGY NIGHT THAT OBSCURED EVERYTHING BUT THE IMMEDIATE WATER! THEY SPOKE IN WHISPERS...


YOU CAN'T SEE IT IN THIS FOG, CAPTAIN, BUT THE ISLAND LIES DEAD AHEAD! GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK! WE'LL SURFACE AT THIS SAME SPOT TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE SAME TIME!
I...WE'LL BE WAITING, COMMANDER!

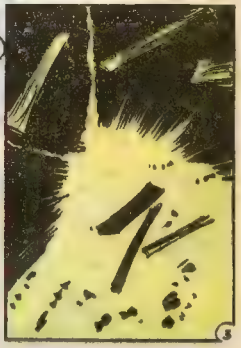
THEY ROWED SILENTLY AND BEACHED ON THE ISLAND THAT CAME ABRUPTLY OUT OF THE DARKNESS...

ALONE, AGAINST TREMENDOUS ODDS AND AN ENEMY WHO KNEW THE TERRAIN! CUT OFF FROM ANY RETREAT, THEY MOVED THROUGH THE JUNGLES...


PLANE REFUELING FIELD... OUR FIRST OBJECTIVE! WE'LL BLOW IT UP AND PULL SOME OF THE ENEMY FROM THEIR H.Q.! THEN WE STRIKE THERE AND AT THE RADIO SHACK!

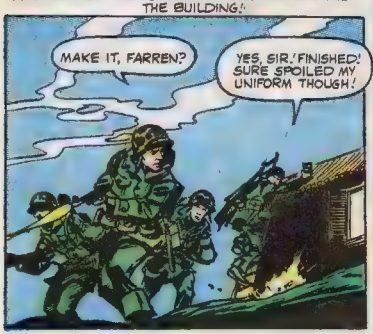
A FEW MINUTES LATER...

THEY CAME LIKE GHOSTS, OUT OF THE JUNGLE AND STRUCK...

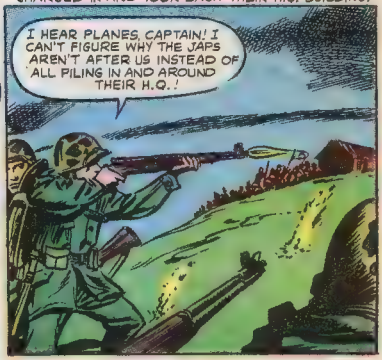


GOOD WORK, SKINNER!
THEY WERE SENDING MESSAGES LIKE MAD, CAPTAIN!
WE SEND MESSAGE! JAPANESE PLANES COME! BLOW YOU UP!
CAPTAIN, THE JAPS ARE STILL CONFUSED, BUT THERE'S A BUNCH HEADING BACK THIS WAY!
SKINNER, TAKE SOME MEN AND SKIRT TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND! THERE'S A FOOD AND CLOTHING SUPPLY DUMP THERE! BLOW IT UP AND GET BACK TO THE BEACH!
RIGHT!
BELKNAPP, PICK YOUR MEN AND MOVE SOUTH! THERE'S AN AMMO AND SPARE PARTS DUMP! BLOW IT UP! ALSO ANY OTHER INSTALLATIONS! GET BACK TO THE BEACH BY X-HOUR!
YES, SIR!
WE'LL HOLD OUT AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS AS LONG AS WE CAN, THEN DEPLOY TOWARD THE BEACH!
THOUGHT I SMELLED PAINT! THEY WERE FIXIN' TO PAINT THE JOINT!
MEN, THEY GOT A MESSAGE OUT! PLANES WILL COME OVER ANY TIME! THEY OUTNUMBER US BADLY AND WITH THE HELP OF THE PLANES I DON'T THINK WE CAN HOLD THE BEACH UNTIL RENDEZVOUS HOUR!
CAPTAIN, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! SEEIN' THAT PAINT, AND THE PLANES COMIN' AND ALL...
LET'S HEAR IT, FARREN! ANY IDEA COULD HELP RIGHT NOW!
DON'T LET HIM TATTOO YOU, CAPTAIN! ALL HE CAN DRAW IS AN AMERICAN FLAG!
THE "ARTIST" TOLD THE CAPTAIN HIS IDEA! CAPTAIN McKAY NODDED AND TURNED TO HIS MEN!
LISTEN, MEN! I'M LEAVING FARREN HERE! THE REST OF US WILL CHARGE OUT AND PUSH THE JAPS AWAY FROM HERE! THEN WE RETREAT, LEAD THEM BACK, THEN LET THEM RECAPTURE THIS BUILDING WHILE WE RETREAT! HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU NEED, FARREN?
ABOUT 20 MINUTES TO A HALF-HOUR IS ALL! I'M THE FASTEST, CAPTAIN!

CAPTAIN McKAY LED HIS MEN IN AN ALL-OUT ASSAULT ON THE JAPS, PUSHING THEM BACK FROM THE H.Q. BUILDING! THEY FOUGHT LIKE DEMONS FOR TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES THEN SLOWLY RETREATED BACK TO THE BUILDING!

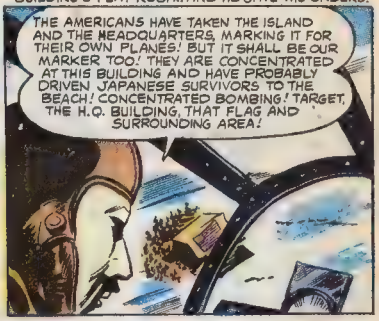


THEY RETREATED TOWARD THE BEACH AND THE JAPS CHARGED IN AND TOOK BACK THEIR H.Q. BUILDING!

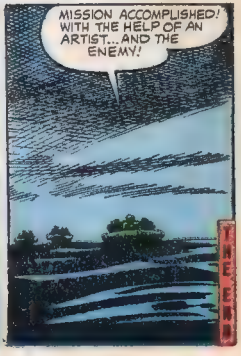


THE PLANES ROARED OVERHEAD! THE JAPS AROUND THEIR H.Q. BUILDING POINTED UP, LAUGHING AND SHOUTING, TELLING THE AMERICANS WHAT THE PLANES WOULD DO TO THEM!

FAR ABOVE, THE SQUADRON LEADER LOOKED DOWN! HE SAW THE TINY SOLDIERS, NOT ABLE TO DISCERN WHAT UNIFORM THEY WERE WEARING! AND HE SAW JOE FARREN, THE 'ARTIST'S' HANDIWORK ON THE BUILDING'S FLAT ROOF... AND HE GAVE HIS ORDERS!


THE AMERICANS HAVE TAKEN THE ISLAND AND THE HEADQUARTERS, MARKING IT FOR THEIR OWN PLANES! BUT IT SHALL BE OUR MARKER TOO! THEY ARE CONCENTRATED AT THIS BUILDING AND HAVE PROBABLY DRIVEN JAPANESE SURVIVORS TO THE BEACH! CONCENTRATED BOMBING! TARGET, THE H.Q. BUILDING, THAT FLAG AND SURROUNDING AREA!

THE PLANES FINALLY FLEW AWAY, LEAVING FLAMING WRECKAGE BEHIND THEM! THE MARINE RAIDERS REACHED THE BEACH AND UNTIL DARK, FOUGHT OFF THE HALF-HEARTED ATTACKS OF THE ISLAND'S REMAINING DEFENDERS!



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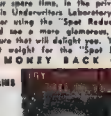
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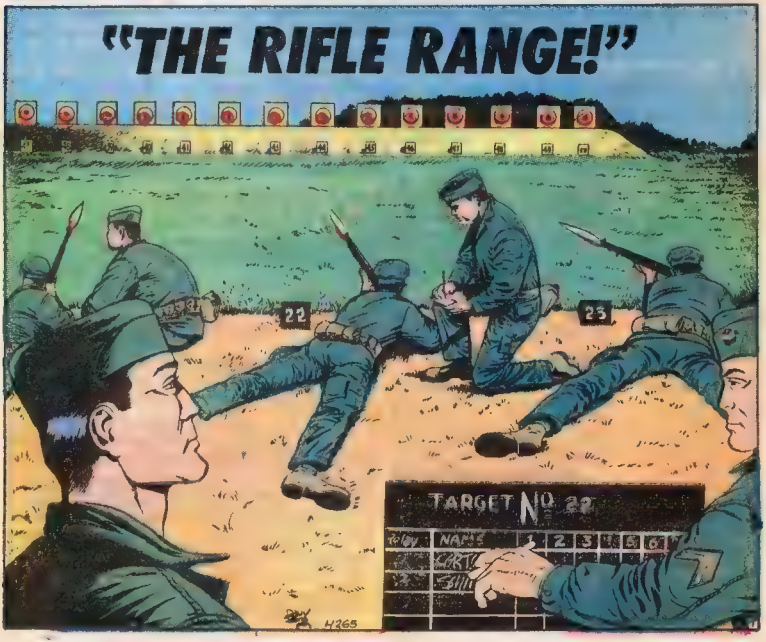

SERGEANT BRADY, WE HAD TWENTY-FIVE DAYS OF TRAINING DOING MARCHING, THE OBSTACLE COURSE AND BIVOUAC! HOW LONG DO WE STAY ON **THE RIFLE RANGE?**

FOR THREE WEEKS, CARTWRIGHT!

AND THIS **RIFLE RANGE** TRAINING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT YOU'LL GET DURING YOUR ENTIRE **BOOT CAMP** HITCH! LET ME TELL YOU A FEW THINGS MARINES DID DURING THE KOREAN WAR, WHICH THEY COULDN'T HAVE DONE WITHOUT THEIR THREE WEEKS ON THIS **RIFLE RANGE!**

A COMMIE TANK ATTACKED **FOX COMPANY** GYRENES IN AN OUTPOST HOLE ONE DAY...

WE HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE AGAINST THE TANK WITH ONLY RIFLES, SARGE!

I'M NOT TRYING TO HIT THE TANK... IT'S THE DRIVER I'M AIMING AT!

THE SERGEANT AIMED CAREFULLY! HE HELD HIS BREATH... JUST THE WAY HE DID WHEN HE GOT HIS EXPERT RIFLEMAN MEDAL ON THE RIFLE RANGE IN BOOT CAMP...

YOU DID IT, SARGE! YOU SENT A SLUG RIGHT THRU THE DRIVER'S PEEP HOLE, AND THE TANK'S OUT OF CONTROL AND GOING OVER THE SIDE!

WOW! WHAT A SHOT!

THEN ANOTHER TIME, A GYRENE GUARD SPOTTED A RED INFILTRATOR LIGHTING A FUSE TO BLOW ONE OF OUR AMMO DUMPS ABOUT 500 YARDS AWAY...

I CAN'T REACH THE FUSE IN TIME TO PUT IT OUT... IT'S TOO SHORT! BUT IF I CAN STILL SHOOT THE WAY I DID ON THE RIFLE RANGE TO EARN MY **SHARPSHOOTER** MEDAL, THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO PUT IT OUT WITH A BULLET!

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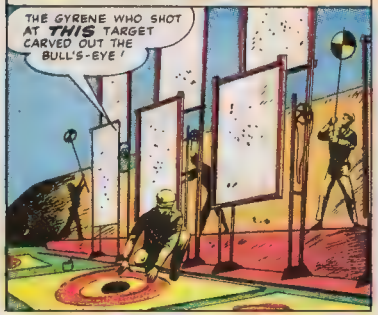
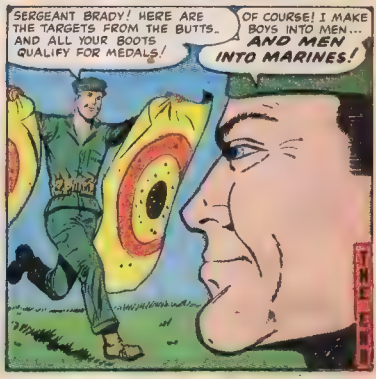


AND YOU WON'T FIRE ONLY THE RIFLE! WHEN YOUR THREE WEKS ARE OVER ON THE RIFLE RANGE, YOU'LL KNOW HOW TO FIRE THE AUTOMATIC RIFLE, THE CARBINE, THE PISTOL, THE FLAME THROWER, THE 60-MM MORTAR AND A MACHINE GUN!


SERGEANT BRADY! HERE ARE THE TARGETS FROM THE BUTTS.. AND ALL YOUR BOOTS QUALIFY FOR MEDALS!
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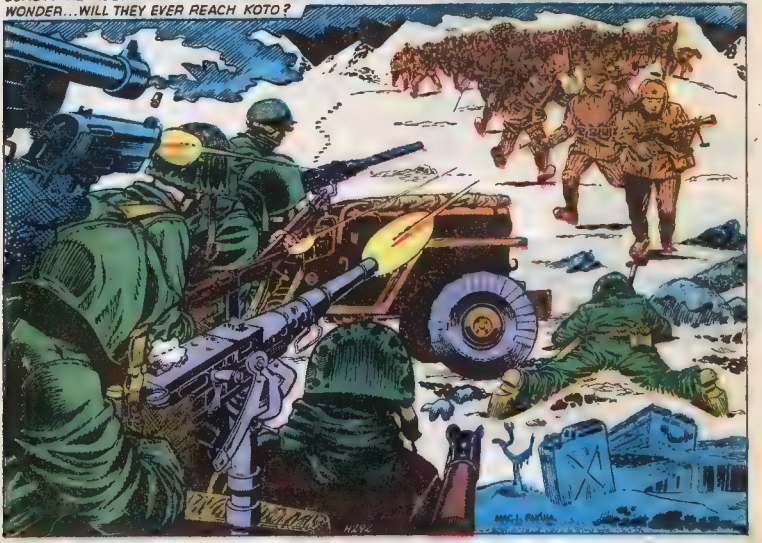
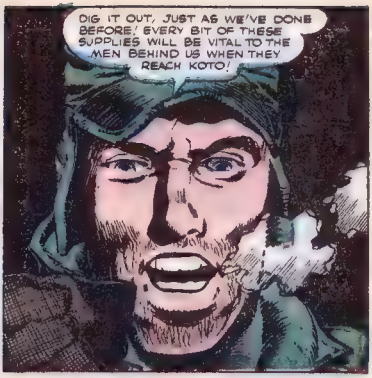
THE RED TARGET!

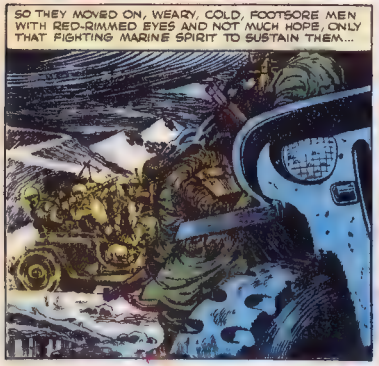
IT WAS WINTER IN KOREA...AND THAT MEANT THE BITTEREST KIND OF COLD! THE MARINES YOU SEE ARE MARCHING ON KOTO AND THEY MUST TAKE KOTO TO PROVIDE AN AVENUE FOR THE U.N. FORCES TO THE COAST! THE MOUNTAINS ARE ASWARM WITH REDS ATTACKING AGAIN AND AGAIN, AND SOMETIMES THEY WONDER...WILL THEY EVER REACH KOTO?

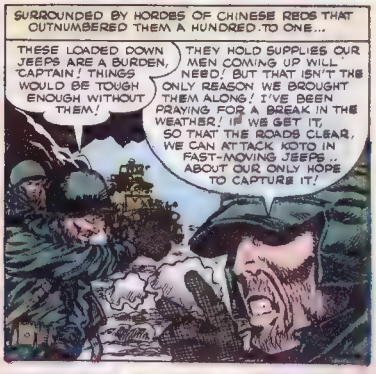


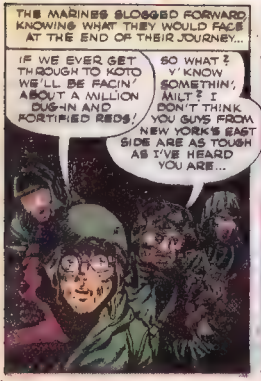
THEY'RE TURNING TAIL! POUR IT IN, WE'VE SMASHED THEM BACK TO THE MOUNTAINS AGAIN!
YEAH, BUT HOW MANY TIMES CAN WE DO IT? THEY HIT US EVERY COUPLE OF HOURS... DAY AND NIGHT! CAN WE PUSH 'EM BACK EVERY TIME?

WE'VE GOT TO, SERGEANT! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO KOTO ...AND WHEN WE DO WE'VE GOT TO TAKE KOTO FROM THE REDS!
CAPTAIN BOSTWICK, ANOTHER JEEP IS BOGGED DOWN!


DIG IT OUT, JUST AS WE'VE DONE BEFORE! EVERY BIT OF THESE SUPPLIES WILL BE VITAL TO THE MEN BEHIND US WHEN THEY REACH KOTO!


SO THEY MOVED ON, WEARY, COLD, FOOTSORE MEN WITH RED-RIMMED EYES AND NOT MUCH HOPE, ONLY THAT FIGHTING MARINE SPIRIT TO SUSTAIN THEM...


SURROUNDED BY HORDES OF CHINESE REDS THAT OUTNUMBERED THEM A HUNDRED-TO-ONE...
THESE LOADED DOWN JEEPS ARE A BURDEN, CAPTAIN! THINGS WOULD BE TOUGH ENOUGH WITHOUT THEM!
THEY HOLD SUPPLIES OUR MEN COMING UP WILL NEED! BUT THAT ISN'T THE ONLY REASON WE BROUGHT THEM ALONG! I'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR A BREAK IN THE WEATHER! IF WE GET IT, SO THAT THE ROADS CLEAR, WE CAN ATTACK KOTO IN FAST-MOVING JEEPS.. ABOUT OUR ONLY HOPE TO CAPTURE IT!


THE MARINES SLOGGED FORWARD KNOWING WHAT THEY WOULD FACE AT THE END OF THEIR JOURNEY...
IF WE EVER GET THROUGH TO KOTO WE'LL BE FACIN' ABOUT A MILLION DUGHN AND FORTIFIED REDS!
SO WHAT? Y'KNOW SOMETHIN', MILT? I DON'T THINK YOU GUYS FROM NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE ARE AS TOUGH AS I'VE HEARD YOU ARE...

OH, YEAH! LISTEN, CHICAGO, WE CAN OUTFIGHT, OUT-MARCH, OUT-LAST...
HERE THEY COME AGAIN! DON'T THOSE GUYS EVER GET TIRED?

AGAIN AND AGAIN THE REDS STRUCK AT THAT COLUMN..

AND AGAIN AND AGAIN THEY WERE REPULSED...
AND WHEN THEIR SPIRITS WERE AT THEIR LOWEST EBB THEY FELL BACK UPON MEMORIES AND THE TIME-HONORED KIDDING OF THEIR BUDDIES...
HEY, MILT, REMEMBER HOW HOT IT WAS AT BOOT CAMP? HOW'D YOU LIKE TO HAVE HEAT NOW, HUH?
YEAH, AND KEITH HERE, ALL HE TALKED ABOUT WAS WINTER SPORTS!
AND THE MARINE WHO BORE THE BRUNT OF THE KIDDING WAS KEITH PARKER...
FINEST SPORT IN THE WORLD, WINTER SPORTS!
OH, SURE! WINTER SPORTS LIKE THIS, YOU MUST LOVE THIS, KEITH!
SOMEHOW THEY MADE THEIR WAY TO THE HILL FACING KOTO, AND THERE THEY DUG IN...
IT'S ALIVE WITH REDS! THEY'RE DUG IN ON THE GULLY BELOW IN FRONT OF KOTO!
I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO MOVE THE JEEPS FOR QUICK ATTACK LIKE YOU PLANNED, CAPTAIN! LOOK AT THE SKY! I THINK WE'RE IN FOR A STORM!
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Y'KNOW SOMETHIN', CHICAGO, WHERE I COME FROM WE THOUGHT WINTER SPORTS WAS THROWIN' SNOW-BALLS!
YEAH! SLIDIN' ON THE ICE WAS ALL THE WINTER SPORTS I EVER GOT! NEVER KNEW THERE WAS OTHER KINDS UNTIL I MET KEITH HERE!
THE CHINESE SWARMED OUT OF KOTO AND THE MOUNTAINS, SMASHING AT THE MARINES, ANGRY THAT THEY HAD GOTTEN THIS FAR AGAINST THEIR OVERWHELMING NUMBERS...
THESE GUYS WHO GO TO COLLEGE AN' HAVE RICH FOLKS, THEY DON'T LIVE LIKE US, IN CHICAGO! THEY GO IN FOR WINTER SPORTS! HUH, KEITH?
BUT THE MARINES PUSHED THEM BACK, FIGHTING LIKE DEMONS...
QUIT KICKIN', MILT! WE FINALLY MADE T AND GOT WINTER SPORTS, HERE IN KOREA, COURTESY OF THE U.S. MARINES! AND KEITH HERE CAN HAVE IT!
LAY OFF, WILL YOU, FELLOWS! IT'S NO CRIME TO LIKE WINTER SPORTS! YOU'D LIKE THEM TOO IF YOU'D INDULGED IN THEM!
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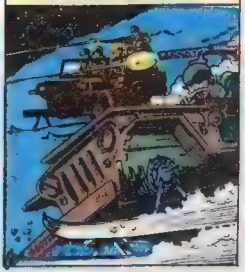
NIGHT CAME ON, AND WITH IT THE STORM THAT HAD BEEN THREATENING, WIND, SNOW AND SLEET! THE SITUATION FOR THE MARINE DETACHMENT FACING KOTO WAS GRAVE...
MEN, WE'RE IN A BAD SPOT! I THOUGHT WE COULD ATTACK IN THE JEEPS, BUT WITH THIS STORM, THAT'S OUT! WE CAN'T STAY HERE! WE'LL BE WHITTLED DOWN UNTIL THEY CAN OVERRUN US!
OUR MISSION IS TO ATTACK AND TAKE KOTO! THE REDS THERE OUTNUMBER US SO GREATLY WE WON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT! TO ATTACK DOWN THIS SLOPE TO THE GULLY WHERE THE ENEMY DEFENDERS ARE WOULD BE SUICIDE! ALL WE CAN DO IS KEEP ON FIGHTING UNTIL... WELL, JUST KEEP ON FIGHTING!
WELL, THAT WAS A CHEERFUL SPEECH!
HEY, KEITH! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A HERO AN' HAVE FUN AT YOUR FAVORITE SPORT! JUST SKI DOWN THIS SLOPE, AN' WHEN THE REDS SEE YOU MAYBE THEY'LL JOIN IN THE FUN!
SAY, YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE! IT GIVES ME AN IDEA! CAPTAIN, CAN I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU...
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, PARKER?
SIR, I THINK I KNOW A WAY WE CAN STILL ATTACK IN THE JEEPS! WE COULD CONVERT THE JEEPS INTO SLEDS... REMOVE THE WHEELS AND REPLACE THEM WITH RUNNERS! WE COULD MAKE THEM WITH THE GASOLINE TINS! WE COULD SLIDE DOWN THIS SLOPE AT TERRIFIC SPEED AND HIT THEM BEFORE THEY KNEW WE WERE NEAR!
IT WAS A STRANGE IDEA, WITHOUT MILITARY PRECEDENT! AND THE CAPTAIN KNEW HE WAS CLUTCHING AT STRAWS TO CONSIDER IT! BUT IT APPEALED TO THE HARD-BOILED RECKLESS BRAVADO THAT IS PART OF EVERY MARINE...
IT'S PROBABLY OUR ONLY CHANCE... IF IT WORKS! WE'LL TAKE THAT CHANCE! YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF PREPARING THE JEEPS! AND FIX ME UP A FEW SLEDS WITH BOXES ON THEM... SMALL JOBS! I'VE GOT AN IDEA OF MY OWN!
THEY WENT TO WORK WITH A WILL, IT KEPT THEM WARM AND GAVE THEM SOMETHING TO DO! THE STORM BLANKETED THEIR ACTIVITIES FROM THE ENEMY!
FIRST, WE'LL SEND DOWN THESE SMALL SLEDS WITH DYNAMITE! THEY'LL SLAM INTO THE GULLY WITH THE REDS AND EXPLODE AND GIVE THEM SOME BAD MOMENTS WHILE WE FOLLOW IN THE SLEDS!

OUT OF THE NIGHT AND THE STORM THE LITTLE SPUTTERING SLEDS CAME...

AND ON THEIR HEELS CAME THE JEEP-SLEDS GAINING MOMENTUM ON THE ICE AND SNOW OF THE DOWN-SLOPE, SLAMMING DOWN AT TREMENDOUS SPEED, SILENTLY ...AND THE NIGHT WAS ALIVE WITH THE BUGLES AND WHISTLES OF THE ASTONISHED REDS...

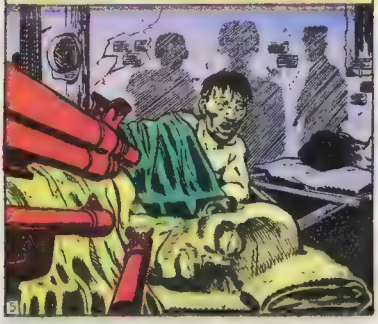


AND THEY WERE ON THE CONFUSED AND FRIGHTENED REDS BEFORE THEY KNEW IT...

THE MAKESHIFT SLEDS SLOWED AND STOPPED AS THEY HIT THE GULLY AND THE MARINES PILED OUT ON TOP OF THE REDS...

IT WAS THE END OF THE SURPRISE ATTACK AND THE REDS CONFUSED, UNCERTAIN, HIT WITH RECKLESS DARING BY THE SMALL FORCE THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD PINNED ON THE HILL, PUT UP ONLY HALF-HEARTED RESISTANCE...

THEY SWEPT THE GULLY AND STORMED INTO KOTO, CATCHING THE RED GARRISON ASLEEP, FOR THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE HANDFUL OF SURROUNDED MARINES ON THE HILL...



SO KOTO WAS TAKEN AND THE WAY TO THE COAST WAS CLEAR!

CHICAGO, THERE IS SOMETHING AFTER ALL TO THESE HERE WINTER SPORTS!
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"We are surrounded, general. Surrender is out of the question." He smiled faintly. "When everything is hopeless, but when you are still in possession of your own arms, there is only one thing to do."

"But what, Majesty?"

"Attack!"

The general shrugged. True, the King was a great warrior, a great conqueror, but this time he was trapped. Only one thing the King had said he agreed with . . . that surrender was impossible; but they did not have to surrender. Behind them was only a thin line of the enemy; they could break through that and try to flee. But the King had said no.

"A general offensive?" he asked the King, and the King nodded.

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"They are breaking, Your Majesty," the general mused in wonderment. "Their ranks are caving in on all sides." He paused. "Our troops are on the verge of . . ."

"They are breaking out of the encirclement," the King said. "I thought they could, general. In fact, they have to. We have only two days supply of bread left." He smiled. "But plenty of ammunition!"

The general just kept staring. The whole front of the enemy army, center and both flanks were disappearing in the thunder of the constantly growing artillery blasts. The encirclement was breaking up visibly. On the right 6,000 prisoners had already been taken. On the left 10,000 more. Blanked out by the fire of the King's artillery . . . the strongest in all Europe . . . the vastly superior manpower of the Austrian army was falling back. The battle of Liegnitz which had begun with encirclement for Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, was ending with the enemy forces in headlong retreat. Faced with utter defeat, King Frederick had taken the only course possible . . . and had won. Victory had been made possible by his efficient organization of men and guns. Breslau and life-giving bread lay ahead.

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SO LONG, COMMIE! I'M GOING TO HANG AROUND UP HERE!
THAT'S ONE RED TRUCK LESS THAT'LL DELIVER AMMO TO THE FRONT AGAINST OUR GYRENE-GUYS, SCUTTLEBUTT.
YEAH, ROCK, AN' DITTO GOES FOR THIS COMMIE TRUCK JOCKEY WHO JUMPED OFF OF THAT VEHICLE!
BUT ONE COMMIE AND ONE COMMIE TRUCK ARE ONLY A DROP IN THE BUCKET, SCUTTLE-BUTT! LOOK DOWN THERE!
HALLS OF MONTE-ZUMA!
IT'S THE COMMIE CONVOY, MILES ALONG!
RIGHT! AND YOU KNOW YOUR ORDERS!
SURE, ROCK... AND WE WILL STOP THAT COMMIE CONVOY SOMEHOW!
2

YANKEE NOT STOP ME... ALSO NOT STOP CONVOY! YOU COME WITH ME!
YOU'RE SLIPPING, SCUTTLEBUTT! HE GOT UP AFTER YOUR PUNCH!
WE GO TO PLACE WHERE CONVOY WILL STOP, AND WAIT FOR NIGHT, TO TRAVEL SO YOUR PLANES NOT SEE THEM!
DARKNESS WAS BEGINNING TO DROP OVER KOREA WHEN THE RED AND HIS TWO PRISONERS REACHED THE HIDDEN CONVOY...
THESE ARE YANKEES WHO STOLE TRUCK FROM OUR CONVOY, COMRADE CAPTAIN!
IS GOOD YOU BRING THEM, CHOY! NOW WE GIVE THEM EACH A TRUCK!
WE NEED DRIVERS! PLACE THEM IN TRUCKS IN THE CENTER OF CONVOY, SO THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE!
YES, COMRADE CAPTAIN!
FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, DARKNESS FELL COMPLETELY AND THE COMMIE CONVOY BEGAN TO ROLL TOWARD THE REINFORCEMENTS WHICH COULD STOP THE MARINE DRIVE...
THE COMMIE CONVOY CRAWLED OVER THE WINDING ROAD FOR HOURS, AND THEN SUDDENLY THE MIDDLE OF THE CONVOY SEPARATED FROM THE REST...
BREAK OUT OF THE CONVOY, SCUTTLE! FOLLOW ME!
THE YANKEES HAVE GONE OFF THE ROAD! THEY ARE ESCAPING!
ONE OF THOSE TRUCKS CONTAINS A LOAD OF LAND MINES, COMRADE CAPTAIN! AND WHEN MY MACHINE-GUN BULLETS CATCH IT, THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE FOR THE YANKEES!
3

ROCK MURDOCK AND SCUTTLEBUTT STACY ZIGGED AND ZAGGED THEIR TRUCKS AS THEY HIGHBALLED DOWN THE HILL, WITH THE COMMIE MACHINE-GUN BULLETS CHASING THEM...
YOU MISSED THEM AND THEY HAVE ESCAPED!
THOUGH THE MACHINE-GUN BULLETS STOPPED, THE TWO GYRENES DIDN'T! THEY KEPT SPEEDING OVER HILLS, THRU RICE PADDIES AND THRU WOODED AREAS...
WE MADE THE TOP OF THIS HILL, SCUTTLEBUTT! BUT WE CAN'T GO ANY FARTHER! I'M OUT OF GAS!
ME TOO!
AND THERE'S THE COMMIE CONVOY DOWN THERE, PULLIN' TOWARD THE FRONT!
YEAH! AND IF THEY GET THERE WITH ALL THOSE MEN, AMMO AND SUPPLIES, IT'S GOING TO BE MIGHTY ROUGH FOR OUR FOX COMPANY GUYS!
THE TRUCK I HIJACKED IS LOADED WITH LAND MINES, AND WE COULD STOP THE COMMIE CONVOY WITH THEM, IF WE COULD HEAVE THEM THAT FAR!
MY VEHICLE IS FILLED WITH TRUCK TIRES... WHICH GIVES ME AN IDEA!

THE TWO GYRENES WORKED FAST AND THEN...
NOW LET 'EM ROLL, SCUTTLEBUTT... TOWARD THAT COMMIE CONVOY!
COMRADE CAPTAIN! OBSERVE! THE YANKEES ARE ROLLING TIRES AT US!
THEY ARE FOOLS! TIRES CANNOT STOP OUR CONVOY!
BUT WHEN THE STAMPEDE OF MINE-LOADED TRUCK TIRES SLAMMED INTO THE COMMIE CONVOY, THE VALLEY THUNDERED WITH EXPLOSIONS!
THERE'S THE COMMIE CAPTAIN'S CAR TRYING TO GET AWAY!
I'LL STOP HIM!
ROCK AND SCUTTLEBUTT HEADED SOUTH TOWARD THEIR OUTFIT! TO OTHERS, THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT WOULD SEEM AMAZING, BUT TO THEM IT WAS ALL IN A DAY'S WORK AT THE FRONT! AFTER ALL, THEY WERE THE UNITED STATES MARINES!
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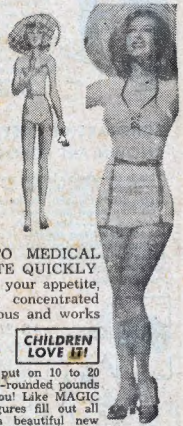

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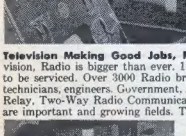

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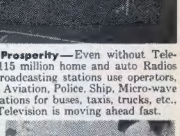

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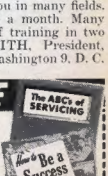

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WE GIVE YOU CASH OR PREMIUMS!
UH-OH!
HEY! TURN THAT GAL LOOSE!
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